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prepare the necessary forms, and direct and control the persons employed. In England the Registrars are to superintend the inquiry. They are to divide their districts into sections of a convenient size, and to appoint a qualified enumerator for each to be approved by the Superintendent Registrar. These enumerators are to take an account of the name, sex, age, and occupation, of every person in their district, and to ascertain whether they were born in the parish or county; also of the houses, inhabited, building, and uninhabited, distinguishing all places of religious worship; and these returns, not abstracted, but *in extenso*, when examined by the Registrars, and further approved by the Superintendent Registrars, are to be forwarded to the Commissioners for the purpose of abstraction. The attempt to obtain an uncertain valuation of property is abandoned. It is obvious that these are great improvements in the system. First, the officers employed are all under one control, acting upon an uniform system, and qualified by their previous occupations, or selected, for the duty. The returns are to be made *in extenso*, and can therefore be checked and corrected. The abstracts will be made upon one well-digested system; and as the original returns will be kept, any further combination of particulars may be prepared. As the Registration system is not extended to Scotland, the old machinery is to be used there, but the same information in the improved form will be obtained. The domestic condition, religious persuasion, and health of the population, recommended in the Report as fit objects of inquiry, are omitted, leaving thus only room for regret that the census, although nearly perfect in its method, is not so extensive in its objects as might be desired.

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PROCEEDINGS OF STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

*Sixth Ordinary Meeting, Monday, April 20, 1840.*

THOMAS TOOKE, Esq., V.-P., in the Chair.

The Chairman announced that His Royal Highness Prince Albert had been graciously pleased to accept the appointment of Patron.

The following gentlemen were proposed as candidates for admission: Philip Pusey, Esq., M.P., Grosvenor-square; and Charles Bird, Esq., Thavies-inn. The following gentlemen were elected: William Ratray, Esq., James Luke, Esq., Walter Ruding Deverell, Esq.

The paper read was "On the Sickness and Mortality in Western Africa." by Major Tulloch.

This paper, which was mainly founded upon the Report of Major Tulloch, on the Sickness and Mortality of the Troops in Western Africa, recently presented to Parliament, contains information relating to the settlement of Sierra Leone, Gambia, Cape Castle, &c., similar in nature to that which has appeared in Reports upon other British dependencies, published in previous numbers of the Journal.

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*Seventh Ordinary Meeting, Monday, May 18, 1840.*

WORONZOW GREIG, Esq., F.R.S., in the Chair.

The Hon. Richard Carleton, of 25, Bruton-street; Thomas Mason, Esq., of Copt Hewick, near Ripon; were proposed as candidates for admission: and Charles Bird, Esq., and Philip Pusey, Esq., M.P., were elected Fellows.

A paper was read "On the Vital Statistics of Manchester," by William Johns, Esq., M.D., Superintendent-Registrar. (See p. 191.)

*Eighth Ordinary Meeting, June 15, 1840.*

JAMES HEYWOOD, Esq., F.R.S., in the Chair.

Isaac Weld, Esq., Hon. Sec. Royal Dublin Society, of Ravenswell, Co. Dublin; and Robert Castle Jenkins, Esq., 53, Queen Anne-street; were proposed as candidates for admission. The Hon. Richard Carleton and Thomas Mason, Esq., were elected Fellows.

It was announced that the Rev. John Diell, of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, had been elected a Corresponding Member of the Society, and a letter from that gentleman was read, transmitting some numbers of the Hawaiian Spectator, a quarterly periodical published in those Islands.

The paper read was "On the Statistics of the Metropolitan Commission in Lunacy," by Lieut.-Col. Sykes, F.R.S., &c. (See p. 143.)

Dr. Hamel, of the Imperial Academy of Sciences at St. Petersburg, exhibited a portion of a very minute statistical description of the manufacturing industry of Moscow, together with a detailed plan of that city, prepared for statistical purposes, which he is about to complete and publish.

MISCELLANEOUS.

*Average Prices of Corn per Imperial Quarter, in England and Wales, with the Rate of Duty on Foreign Wheat, during each Week from 27th March to 19th June 1840; also of each Month and of the Quarter ended Lady-day, 1840. (Continued from p. 110.)*

| Date,                           | Wheat.          |                    |                  | Weekly Average. |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                 | Weekly Average. | Aggregate Average. | Duty on Foreign. | Barley.         | Oats.        | Rye.         | Beans.       | Peas.        |
| Weeks ended :                   | <i>s. d.</i>    | <i>s. d.</i>       | <i>s. d.</i>     | <i>s. d.</i>    | <i>s. d.</i> | <i>s. d.</i> | <i>s. d.</i> | <i>s. d.</i> |
| March 27 . .                    | 69 1            | 67 7               | 18 8             | 39 9            | 26 0         | 36 1         | 41 0         | 40 7         |
| April 3 . . .                   | 68 7            | 68 1               | 16 8             | 40 0            | 25 9         | 37 4         | 41 9         | 41 0         |
| 10 . . .                        | 68 11           | 68 6               | 16 8             | 39 11           | 25 2         | 37 0         | 41 3         | 41 1         |
| 17 . . .                        | 69 6            | 68 11              | 16 8             | 40 9            | 25 1         | 38 2         | 42 4         | 41 6         |
| 24 . . .                        | 68 7            | 69 0               | 13 8             | 39 11           | 25 4         | 37 4         | 42 9         | 42 0         |
| May 1 . . .                     | 68 5            | 68 10              | 16 8             | 39 8            | 25 11        | 37 6         | 42 11        | 42 0         |
| 8 . . .                         | 68 1            | 68 8               | 16 8             | 38 6            | 26 10        | 36 9         | 43 11        | 41 6         |
| 15 . . .                        | 68 7            | 68 8               | 16 8             | 38 5            | 27 6         | 37 2         | 44 2         | 41 7         |
| 22 . . .                        | 68 0            | 68 6               | 16 8             | 37 3            | 27 3         | 37 2         | 44 10        | 42 5         |
| 29 . . .                        | 67 10           | 68 3               | 16 8             | 37 0            | 27 1         | 37 3         | 44 6         | 41 11        |
| June 5 . . .                    | 67 1            | 68 0               | 16 8             | 36 4            | 27 10        | 39 3         | 45 4         | 43 7         |
| 12 . . .                        | 67 7            | 67 10              | 18 8             | 35 9            | 27 6         | 37 1         | 45 1         | 44 6         |
| 19 . . .                        | 67 4            | 67 9               | 18 8             | 35 10           | 28 4         | 36 8         | 45 0         | 43 1         |
| Months :                        |                 |                    |                  |                 |              |              |              |              |
| March . . .                     | 68 4            | . .                | . .              | 39 3            | 25 8         | 37 1         | 40 9         | 40 5         |
| April . . . .                   | 68 10           | . .                | . .              | 40 1            | 25 4         | 37 5         | 42 0         | 41 4         |
| May . . . .                     | 68 2            | . .                | . .              | 38 2            | 26 11        | 37 2         | 44 0         | 41 10        |
| Quarter ended }<br>Lady Day . } | 66 5            | . .                | . .              | 39 0            | 24 6         | 37 7         | 40 6         | 40 4         |